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(57) **ABSTRACT**

This disclosure provides systems, methods and apparatus for
wireless power transfer and particularly wireless power trans-
fer to remote systems such as electric vehicles. In one aspect,
a wireless power receiver includes a first inductive element
configured to receive wireless charging power from a trans-
mitter. The wireless power receiver further includes a second
inductive element, laterally separated from the first, config-
ured to receive wireless charging power from the transmitter.
The wireless power receiver further includes a position detec-
tor configured to determine a lateral position of the receiver
relative to the transmitter based on characteristics of the first
and second inductive elements.

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